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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.), IN  
SUBJECT: TOP LEVEL VISITS

REF: NEW DELHI 9359

1. WHEN I TOLD THE FOREIGN SECRETARY LAST WEEK THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE UNABLE TO VISIT NEW DELHI IN AUGUST, HE INDICATED THE GOI'S HOPE THAT THE SECRETARY COULD VISIT LATER THIS YEAR AND PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH MORE SPECIFICALLY LATER. HE HAS NOW CALLED TO SAY THAT HE BELIEVES THAT SOME TIME IN NOVEMBER WOULD BE THE BEST TIME FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE GOI. IN PASSING HE EXPRESSED HIS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR AN OCTOBER DATE WHICH HAS SURFACED IN WASHINGTON DATED LINED PRESS REPORTS HERE, SAYING IT COMES TOO CLOSE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNGA DISCUSSIONS.

2. I AGREE THAT A NOVEMBER VISIT WOULD MAKE GOOD SENSE. THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD PROGRESSION OF HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S VISIT HERE LATER THIS MONTH AND DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY AND OTHER US OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF THE UNGA. (I HOPE WE CAN ACCEPT THE INDIAN PROPOSAL THAT THESE BE IN WASHINGTON). IN ADDITION, OUR NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE PROGRESSED TO THE POINT OF AT LEAST IDENTI-  
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FYING KEY ISSUES.

3. WHILE I RECOGNIZE THAT IT MAY BE TOO EARLY TO COMMIT THE SECRETARY, I HOPE THAT A VISIT TO DELHI CAN BE PUT ON HIS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER AND THAT WE CAN BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SOME COMMENT TO THE GOI SO THAT IT CAN ALSO MAKE TENTATIVE PLANS.

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